

The Broadcast industry has argued that consolidation of media ownership somehow benefits the public. While that is counter-intuitive, Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Broadcasters like Sinclair get free use of the airways and are required by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair is showing blatant political bias, and is using the airwaves, not to serve the public, but to further a radical political agenda.

The FCC should make license renewal contingent on demonstrating that the broadcaster is truly acting in the public interest, and strip licenses from those who don't.